

REMARKS

Applicants will address each of the Examiner's objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Office Action.

Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to the title as being not descriptive. In response, Applicants have amended the title in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion. Therefore, and it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

The Examiner further rejects Claims 26-28 and 30-42 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

More specifically, the Examiner contends that the recitation in Claims 26, 27, 28 and 30-34, that an edge of the second layer of the input terminal portion is aligned with an edge of the substrate, is not supported by original disclosure.

While Applicants traverse this rejection, in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants are amending independent Claims 26-28 and 30-34 to recite "wherein an edge of the second layer of said input terminal portion is coplanar with an edge of the first insulating layer." This is clearly shown in Figs. 4A and 4B of the present application (see also e.g. pages 22-23 of the specification).

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §102

The Examiner also rejects Claims 31-34 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Shin (US 5,825,449). This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

More specifically, Claims 31-34 recite “wherein an edge of the second layer of said input terminal portion is coplanar with an edge of the first insulating layer.” This feature is not disclosed or suggested by Shin. For example, the Examiner cites layer 6A in Shin as showing the claimed second layer. Layer 6A, however, is not coplanar with the first insulating film over gate electrode 2.

Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, Shin does not disclose or suggest the device of Claims 31-34, and those claims are patentable thereover. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

Claims 39-42

The Examiner also rejects Claims 39-42 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shin. This rejection is also respectfully traversed.

Each of these claims is a dependent claim which is dependent on one of independent Claims 31-34. Accordingly, each of these dependent claims is allowable for at least the reasons discussed above for independent Claims 31-34. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 26-28, 30 and 35-38

The Examiner also rejects Claims 26-28, 30 and 35-38 under 35 USC§103(a) as being unpatentable over Shin in view of Ikeda et al. (US 5,428,250) This rejection is also respectfully

traversed.

For at least the reasons explained above, Shin fails to disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Ikeda also fails to disclose or suggest the deficiencies in Shin discussed above.

Hence, neither Shin or Ikeda disclose or suggest the claimed invention, and the claims are patentable thereover. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants are submitting an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) herewith. It is respectfully requested that this IDS be entered and considered prior to the issuance of any further action for this application.

Conclusion


It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and should be allowed.

If any further fee is due for this amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1039.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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